



## **Student Activities**

### **GSW Graduate Receives Ph.D**

Fumi Sunahori ('04-summa cum laude) recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Sunahori's dissertation was entitled "Electronic Spectroscopy of Jet-Cooled Transient Triatomic Molecules." She will be doing a post-doc at the University of Alberta.

### **Dramatic Arts Students at KCACTF**

Dramatic Arts students participated in a number of juried presentations at the recent Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival held February 4-8 at the University of North Carolina -Greensboro. Students were selected for participation on the basis of external review of their work the production of *Becoming Memories* presented during the fall semester, 2008. Becky Holder and Zack Taylor were selected for participation in the Irene Ryan Acting Audition competition and were among 190 students selected from the ten state region for this event. Their scene partners were Kyle Butler and Emily Fondren. Sidney Davis was one of twelve students from the region selected for the Director's Project. He was assigned a competitively selected original student work, *Fire Engine Red Lipstick and Dancing Shoes* by Josh Ginsburg of Middle Tennessee State University. Sidney auditioned, directed and staged a juried reading of the play at the festival. Ashley

## **Faculty Activities**

### **Meet Paula Martin**



Paula Martin joined the Arts and Sciences faculty in the fall of 2008 as assistant professor of history specializing in the History of Medicine. Dr. Martin is currently writing a textbook on Suzanne de Noel, a noted early twentieth century French physician. In addition to her duties here at Georgia Southwestern, Dr. Martin will be teaching World Civilizations at the American University in Bulgaria for Maymester. She has taught at the University of Nevada, Reno, and is a native of Florence, Oregon.

### **Athletic Department Names Most Valuable Professors of 2009**

The Athletic Department's MVPs of 2009 included the following representatives from Arts and Sciences: Ellen Cotter (Psychology), Gary Fisk (Psychology), Elizabeth Gurnack (Chemistry), Bob Herrington (Biology), Svilen Kostov (Physics),

Longacre participated in the dramaturgy program and had the opportunity to work with Australian playwright, Carl Caufield, a guest artist and mentor at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. In addition the students attended performances and a variety of conference sessions and workshops. Professor Jeffrey Green, who accompanied the students, began to assume the duties of his new role as Vice Chair of the region, an appointment that will begin in full in August 2009.

### **Third World Studies Seminar**

A GSW Third World in Perspective Program seminar titled "The Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on the Third World," was held on February 4, 2009, in the GSW Student Success Center. The featured speaker was Dr. Philip I. Szmedra, Ph.D., associate professor of economics at GSW; Dr. Brian G. Smith, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, GSW, was the respondent. The Seminar was moderated by Dr. Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., GSW professor emeritus of history, and was co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, GSW; GSW Foundation, Inc., Division of Continuing Education, GSW; and the Association of Third World Studies, Inc.

Amy Porter (History), Gabriele Stauf (English), and Ahn-Hue Tu (Biology). The awards were presented at halftime of the 'Canes basketball game on February 11, 2009.

### **Félicitations**

Dr. Elena B. Odio travelled to Saint-Riquier (France) in December, 2006, where she presented a paper at The Forest in Reality and Fiction conference organized by the Université de Picardie - Jules Verne located in nearby Amiens. Dr. Odio's paper was entitled "Malheurs au bois: la forêt ennemie du Moyen Âge." Dr. Odio's paper has now appeared in the journal *Études Médiévales*, edited by Danielle Buschinger vol. 9. Numbers 9 -10 (2008): 57-62. Other scholars in attendance at Saint-Riquier that year whose papers appear in the journal came not only from France (e. g. from Bordeaux, Lille, Marseille and Strasbourg), but also from Frankfurt (Germany) and Lausanne (Switzerland). Dr. Odio was the only American participant at Saint-Riquier.

### **Questions, Comments, and Contributions:**

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